INCREASE OF 75 PER CENT IN AMOUNT OF BUILDING

Permits Issued in 70 Cities for November Total \$60,129,378 in Comparison With

The showing presented by the building industry throughout the United States for the month of November is so splendidly favorable as to be almost country during the month, energizing construction work almost everywhere of the principal cities of the country show that the building permits issued for the month total \$60,129,378, as compared with \$34,342,475 for November last somewhat exaggerated for the reason that the business of a year ago was specially depressed as a war reaction. The building permits for November, 1913, totaled \$41,005,514. Comparing the aggregate last month with that of the activities of the labor for the removed in the labor for the removed for the passengers could be removed for the labor for the passengers could be removed for the labor for the passengers could be removed for the labor for the passengers could be removed for the labor for the passengers could be removed for the labor for the passengers could be removed for the labor for the passengers could be removed for the labor for the passengers could be removed form the vessel. The grand the saggerated for our little-boy days, Mr. George W. Single apartment. It ad a gas stove on which two coults the bor which two coults had a gas stove on which two coults the bor which two coults had a gas stove on which two coults had a gas stove on which two coults the bor which the and a gas stove on which two coults had a gas stove on which two coults the bor which two same time, and there can defer and the same time, and the same time, and the consequently when an unthinking friend and the same time, and the community specials. A messenger boy arrived and asked if there were 'any specials.' One minute, pleased. The little begins of the labor of the same time, and the consequently when an unthinking friend sent them a large live turkey and the west out whistling. She they took one look at the bird and the west out whistling of whether same corresponding month two years ago, the increase is less than 50 per cent, instead of 75. But the size of that gain indicates strongly that the present business is above normal, and, no doubt, includes a lot of deferred plans, the execucli, reputed to have been financed by a
cli repute

	Nov.,	Nov.,	G'n.L	000		Jan, I to	Jan. 1 to G	'n L	000
	1915.	1914.	Per ce	nt.		Dec. 1, 1915.			
Akron	\$535,105	\$179,39	5 198		Akron	\$5,564,525	\$3,886,595	43	
Albany	588,305 284,647	301,57	8 45		Albany	5,108,045	3,843,326	33	+ 4
Raltimore	690,478	232,10 274,98	0 151		Atlanta	4,333,140	4,431,634		2
Birmingham	121,904	76,71			Baltimore Birmingham	6,957,217	8,586,013		19
Boston	3,035,573	1,366,77	8 122		Boston	27,575,047	20.532.308	32	••
Buffalo	788,000	495,00	0 58		Buffalo	10,903,000	10,362,000	5	
Ceder Rapids Chattanooga	119,000 53,532	250,00 28,25		52	Cedar Rapids	1,676,000	2,734,000		39
Chicago	10,861,000	6.513,15		**	Chattanooga		*********		++
Cincinnati	790.965	336,21			Chicago	86,659,480 12,912,223	77,048,060 8,611,401	12 50	
Cleveland Columbus	2,434,715	2,153,64	5 13		Cleveland	29,674,480	26,092,235	14	++
Columbus	347,350	377.38	5	7	Columbus	4,778,085	5,879,865		19
Dallas	269,498 131,075	133,85 53,62	0 101	**	Dallas	3,109,343	5,433,472		43
Denter	312,085	134,41	0 132		Dayton Denver	2,134,667 2,520,135	2,468,522	***	13
Des Moines	125,070	93,30	2 34		Denver	1,791,261	3,136,945 1,888,444	***	20
Detroit Duluth	3,482,680	1.103,58	0 215		Detroit	29,269,190	26,766,825	9	
Fast Orange	204,371 89,018	189,51 79,60		* * *	Duluth	2,541,863	2,726,248		7
Fort Warne	163,525	100,97		::	Fort Wayne	1.111.290	1.647,815		32
Grand Rapids.	335,325	171.42		1.	Grand Rapids.	1,901,915 2,553,217	2,324,335 3,492,369		18
Harrisburg	\$4,375	34,00	0 148		Harrisburg	1,734,700	1,281,925		35
Hartford	707,709 438,823	399,38			Hartford	5,257,505	3,767,476	39	
Kansas City	724,115	265,19 341,22	0 65		Indianapolis	6,648,856	7,713,621	1	14
Lincoln	186,705	39,47	5 373		Kansas City Lincoln	1,641,364	9,981,370	1	• •
Los Angeles	1,000,239	785,31	0 27		Los Angeles	10.858,274	967,697 16,710,286	70 36	
Louisville	246,030	151,60			Louisville	3,305,790	3,828,820		14
Manchester	111,598 191,485	87,66 133,27		**	Manchester	2,543,440	1,452,400	75	12.
Milwaukee	1,123,925	643,88		**	Memphis	2,620,448	2,992,618		12
Minneapolis	1,539,225	703,61			Milwaukee Minneapolis	11,583,073 15,055,600	9,903,128	17	**
Nashville	108,665	33,65	5 223		Nashville	1,300,606	14,693,125 1,927,110		60
Newark New Haven	966,090	373,62			Newark	7,418,757	9,750,278		24
New Orleans.	156,551	69,63		**	New Haven	6,820,992	3,884,872	76	
New York City	14,241,740	5,403,693			New Orleans New York City	2,653,778	2,660,816		
Manhettan	4,001,215	2,058,24	1 123		Manhattan	69,546,589	133,294,648 54,800,127	21	• •
Bronx	3,355,038	448,01			Bronx	27,064,240	17,384,298	56	
Borough of-	4,242,576	1,617,44	5 165		Brooklyn	41,303,921	40,273,992	2	
Queens	1,760,389	1,149,59	8 52		Burough of-	90 460 900			
Richmond .	242,522	131,400 281,760	84		Queens Richmond .	20,489,339	18,970,157 1,857,074	34	••
makiand	455,460	281,76	62		Oakland	4,758,739	4,438,628	7	••
Oklahoma	99,765 656,075	1,509,91,		93	Oklahoma	1.104,956	1,964,577		44
Paterson	149,585	46,96			Omaha	4,741,179	4,393,981	8	
l'eoria	197,575	605,20		67	Paterson	1,481,524 1,664,845	1,471,005 2,780,716	1	40
Philadelphia	2,408,665	1,240,53	94		Peoria	36,541,055	34,158,255	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	40
Pittsbargh Portland	663,312 210,595	777,36	·	15	Pittsburgh	11,231,424	14,974,652		25
Richmond	275,251	130,63		53	Portland	4,608,900	6,278,890		26
Rocaester	817,254	397,83	105		Rochester	2,950,565 8,461,000	3,179,069 8,369,658	1	- 7
St. Joseph	64,819	26,41	0 78	1.	St. Joseph	915,414	601,258	52	**
St. Louis St. Paul	792,943	650,02			St. Louis	10,500,043	12,561,838		14
Salt Lake City	619,701 173,705	710,69 171,80	74	14	St. Paul	9,152,476	13,179,226		30
San Antonio	127,340	210,57		39	Salt Lake City San Antonio	2,171,960 1,410,560	2,812,887		23
Schenectady	60,425	76,38	5	20	Schenectady	1.903 505	2,687,252 1,557,918	22	47
Seranton	324.164	88,83	2 262		Scranton	1,703,264	1,640,747	4	
Seattle	798,810 35,683	229.61	248	28		5,885,270	11,366,805		48
Sloux City	194, 297	77.76 84.47	7 130		Shreveport	683,392	1.253,139		45
South Bend	77,300	16.27	5 375		Sloux City South Bend	1,885,017	1,908,492		.!
Spokane	46,475	55,70	0	16	Spokane	797,535 1,185,567	963,527	23	31
Springfield, Ill.	147,145	55,10	0 107		Springfield, Ill.	1,117,618	1,022,945	9	
Syracuse	608,324 75,465	235,36 270,65		100	Syracuse	4,303,321	3,206,781	32	
Toledo	535,735	276,67	6 94	1170	Tacoma	735,336 7,213,255	1.428,153	*91	45
Topeka	69,650	35,10	5 98		LODEKS	736,461	5,945,237 533,368	38	•
Utlea, N. Y	70,735	37,45			Troy Tiles, N. Y.	1,009,612	501,322	101	
Weshington	151,085 594,925	96,30	4 42		Tiles, N. Y	2,052,870	1,708,795	22	
Wilkes Barre	49,535	76,49		36	Washington Wilkes-Barre .	11,207,449 997,014	9,640,537	16	ii
Warcester	354,839	424,12	4	16	Worcester		1,120,860	111	.,

Little Stories

..... \$60,129,378 \$34,342,475 75

Peter Rabbit Tracks His Neighbors.

It was a perfectly glorious night.

Mistress Moon flooded the Green Mead-ows and the Green Forest with silvery light, and the white snow which cov-ered everything helped to make still more light. In fact, it was almost as light as day, it seemed to Peter Rab-bit. In spite of all little Mrs. Peter could say he had started for the Green Forest just as soon as jolly, round, red Sun had gone to bed behind the Purple Hills. 'It's just like visiting a new world,"

thought Peter as he reached the edge of the Green Forest. "I do wish that Fuzzy wasn't so timid." By Fuzzy he meant little Mrs. Peter, who, you know,



IT WAS WHITEFOOT, THE WOOD MOUSE. "EXCUSE ME. PETER IF I SEEMED TO BE A LITTLE IM-POLITE," SAID HE.

was once Miss Fuzzytail. "She thinks was once Miss Fuzzytail. "She thinks The Forestry Products Laboratory at gress met in annual session. Among that just because my coat is brown and Madison, Wis., has recently achieved those who died during the week were everything else is white it is a great deal more dangerous here than when there isn't any snow. She doesn't know what wonderful hiding places there are everywhere now. The snow has bent down all those little hemlock trees and the lowest branches on the big hemlock trees so that under them are the most wonderful caves. Why, I can most wonderful caves. Why, I can fe a fire risk as brick. most wonderful caves. Why, I can jump out of sight almost anywhere here. Hello! I wonder who made those funny tracks. I believe I'll follow them and find out."

funny tracks. I believe III follow them and find out."

The tracks were just the tiniest of little dots with a tiny little line between the two rows. That line puzzled Peter. You know he is not used to tracking his neighbors. Of course, the double row of dots were the prints of tiny feet, but what made the line? Peter followed as fast as he could which wasn't so very fast, because the tracks wound about so much. Presently they led to an old log covered with snow. In one side of it was a little hole, and right there the tracks ended. "Hello" called Peter.
"Hello yourself and see how you like it:" replied a squeaky little voice.
"Peter chuckled. He know that voice. "Why don't you come out and be polite. has been devised, which promises sat-isfaction. A shingle treated with a strong ammonia solution can be held five minutes in a blazing gas flame without being ignited.

"Why don't you come out and be polite when you have callers?" he said.
"Did you say callers? Who is with you, Peter Rabbit?" asked a squeaky of the socialist party of the District tomorrow evening at the party head-

wolce.
"Well, a caller, if you like that better. There is no one with me," replied

Peter.
Right away a pretty little head with

tomorrow evening at the party headquarters, \$11 E street northwest. A
social and supper is to be given this
evening by the party at its headquarters from 6 until 8 o'clock.

Miss Z. S. Falk to Speak. Miss Z. S. Falk, secretary of the Con-

The Searchlight ASCIENCE

Fireproof Wood.

There are several chemical salts that

to be practicable. Borax is much

Epitome of Events Ending De-cember 11, 1915.

WAR CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE UNITED STATES.

THE WEEK

Two American vessels of the Porto

PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

German forces claim a gain of 250 meters in the Champagne district on the western front against French troops. Bulgars captured several towns in southwest Serbia; the allied forces in forces figure in forces of figure in force said. in southeast Serbia, in face of fierce Bulgarian attacks, retired from Serbian

In southeast Serbia, in face of fierce Bulgarian attacks, retired from Serbian soil. German reinforcements joined by the soil of the Bulgarian attacks, retired from Serbian soil. German reinforcements joined by the soil of the Bulgarian students were arrested.

Movements for Peace.

Announcement was made that the existing a summised that it ought to be shot, and Martha agreed with her, but on sober second thought they both at the state of the international peace conference for peace would meet at Bern, Switzerland, December 14. A tentative litinerary of the Ford peace party announced a purpose to travel though Germany if permission can be obtained; the unwillingness of England to receive the party was disclosed in parliamentary interrogations, make an offer of mediation in the war. A member of the French cabinet outlined peace terms, to include a surrent der of Alsace and Lorraine arresting to make future war impossible. Chancelor von Bethmann-Hollweg, German imperial chancellor, said that Germany will be willing to accept overtures for peace from the enemy compatible with Germany's dignity and safety. Count Tisza, Hungarian premier, declared that peace depends upon the enemy's acceptance of the uselessness of further conflict.

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The Sixty-fourth Congress opened its kansas was elected president pro tem Serverse 100.000 100.0 of the Senate; Speaker Clark was reelected to preside over the House. The

board of education and the board of charity, and extension of authority over the aqueduct system. The joint select committee of Congress decided to submit report by January 1 on its The Life Line Gun.

The newest idea in fire-fighting equipment is the life rope gun. It is the only means by which ald may be sent to persons imprisoned in a building above eight or ten stories in height. The life line gun has been used for years in saving shipwreck victims. It now fires a light line to a window. The person in distress draws up the heavier rope, down which he slides to safety.

At a recent Chicago fire this scheme secured the escape of five persons who would otherwise have been beyond rescue. As a further precaution both the rope and the light line have been thoroughly soaked in a fireproofing chemical before being used. findings in the investigation of the fisthe rope and the light line have been thoroughly soaked in a fireproofing chemical before being used. ed its fiftieth birthday. The American Red Cross, with President Wilson and former President Taft presiding, and the National Rivers and Harbors Con-The Forestry Products Laboratory at those who died during the week were:
M. B. Cushman, thirty-one years a patent office examiner. Rev. Frank Sewall, Church of the New Jerusalem; E. H. Thomas, former corporation counsel: W. J. Acker, well known business man; R. B. Harford, fifty-two years employed in the government printing office.

High Winds Cause Low Tide. Heavy northwest winds that have will retard the gases given off by prevailed for the past twenty-four wood when exposed to heat, thus hours have caused very low water in prevailed for the past twenty-four checking combustion. Ammonia gives the river, the low level being nearly the best results, but is too expensive two feet below the average. The river flats between this city and Alexandria to be practicable. Borax is much cheaper, but is notso effective. A combination of the two with other salts, has been devised, which promises satisfaction. A shingle treated with a large satisfaction as he held

HEARD AND SEEN HERE AND THERE.

By Earl Godwin.

Rican line were reported held up and had a gas stove on which two entire ful.

was a Thanksgiving present. Hitherto proud, and as a slight diversion for him these two kind ladies had always been took him over to the state prison. Also on professional cases somewhere at the warden of the prison wanted to on professional cases somewhere at that time of year and had not felt the necessity of providing a dinner of turkey and pumpkin pie-but here they were both at home together, with one entire holiday on their hands. Had not

Jane said: "Martha, have you ever killed a tur-



* * * * There are certain drug stores in this city where a benign post office administration has seen fit to place branch post offices, in lieu of the much wanted downtown substation, which business men the city over agree would be of real service. I entered into one of these stores at 10 o'clock exactly one morning and went to the post office window for a stamp. This is what happened:

That was my remark. I had an idea it might attract attention. But it didn't. There were two girls there, one of whom had her back turned to me



She wanted a quarter changed so she could telephone.

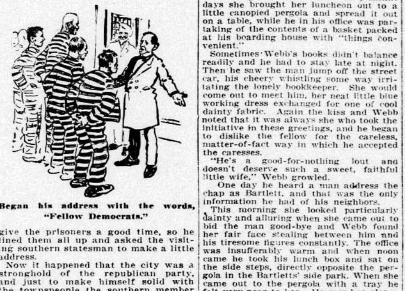
She appeared to be struggling inwardly over some dire and dour action on the part of poisons she had swallowed, but I discovered later that she was merely trying to make out a postal money order.

order.
"I want two-cent stamp."
Just at that moment two young fel-lows marched up to the window and bought two five-cent soda tickets from

They were trained nurses, both of me about a yard down the aisle. She They were trained nurses, both of the about a year down the asset. She them and they lived together in an apartment.

wanted a quarter changed so she could telephone, and she got it, one of the pieces being a Canadian dime, for which I was truly but inwardly thank-

previous to Thanksgiving. The turkey The friend wanted to do the visitor



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A glorified pie plate is made of earthenware set in a pierced Sheffield silver plate holder, a very attractive dish in which to serve a pie. This is very reasonably priced at \$2.75.

FOR MEN.

Desk set, guaranteed scissors, paper knife, red and blue penclis, in heavy dull brass stand, a very attractive and useful gift for any business man; \$3. Attractive three-piece nightcap set. Eiched glass carafe, small whisky glass for stopper, tumbler fits over all; very handy for a "we doch an' doris," \$2.00.

Pair of sterling silver-backed military brushes in green silk case with velvet lining, \$3. •

Spectacle case, black or brown morocco leather, velvet lined, sterling silver monogram. The individuality of monogrammed presents is always appreciated.

Corkscrew—stag handle—sterling silver mounting, patent seif-puller arrangement, will pull a cork from a grape juice bottle as well as from any other, \$2.75. SHE GOT UP A BULLY DINNER TO Two solid, one-piece, gold collar buttons n a French ivory box, cover of box mon-ogrammed in blue or black free of charge

of the furniture, the bookcase, table, desk, magazine rack and the pergola. I furnished the garden, so between us we fixed a home at very little cost."

The 1 o'clock whistle sounded all too soon, but Webb felt that the office was leavily the rear little came home earlier. karat gold, \$2.25; 14-karat gold, \$3.25. POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

soon, but Webb test that the office was less dismal. Bartlett came home earlier than usual that afternoon and present-What can't be cured should be in what can't be cured should be inflats between this city and Alexandria,

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but the wind as having been very heavy
and cold, so that ice formed whereveh
flats between this wis marched up to the window and
bught two five-cent soft teles window and
there were but a few inches of water,
and vessels lay on the bottom for sevage rai hours. Vessels out on the river
flats between this city and Alexandria,

"Please sell flats from an last night."

"Sy, I seen Emma last night."

"The stafferroon and visit and ucated fool.

Some women speak much to a man's

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the wite do it. She sent me over to

sak you to Sunday dinner domorrow.

We are laid bare, and introduced himself.

"The last and nothing to his mind.

Few of the wives who drive their

have been meaning to do this for.

"In the wite do it. She sent me to it. She sent m

DAY."

was furnished simply and prettily, just as he had expected it would be.
"We are very fond of this little place, Harry and I." she said. "The location, of course, is not desirable, and it's far from the city, but that was the reason we could afford to buy it. Harry is an amateur carpenter and he made most

man of the

Webb in consternation. Webb in consternation.

"Oh, no, this is strictly a man's party," said Harry.

"It seems too bad for you to be left alone here," exclaimed Webb, wishing he might dare follow his inclination and stay with her.

"She's used to being left alone," said Harry. "I go off with the boys every Sunday, somewhere. It's my only recreation." THE EVENING STORY.

LITTLE REST HOUSE.

came out to the pergola with a tray he felt very near to her. He saw her glancing across at him two or three times and then suddenly she got up, walked out of the yard and crossed the street. Webb's beart gained a beart

heart gained a beat.

"It's so hot and uncomfortable here, she said, blushing. "Don't you wan't to

reation."
Webb's blood boiled and he was:

quiet and surly in his responses that his companion set him down as a bore and wondered what Dupree saw in

Webb Fulton stood before his ledger at his high standing desk in the dusty, dismal office of the wagon works. Occasionally he lifted his eyes for a stolen glance through his dirty window at the cottage across the narrow street. It was a little nutshell of a house, but freship resinted with awnings at its windows a light of the cook as Ruth is—"

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"The respective of the wagon works."

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"We all do. He has all the comforts of home and yet no one to call him down. He'll never want to marry. And

a withe nutshell of a house, but freshly painted, with awnings at its windows, a trim patch of green lawn in front, and shrubs and flowers at the side.

In the midst of all the factories and dilapidated houses in that workingman's district the little cottage was a veritable oasis to Webb's weary eyes. In his few idle moments his recreation was to gaze the street of the street o trim patch of green lawn in front, and shrubs and flowers at the side.

In the midst of all the factories and dilapidated houses in that workingman's district the little cottage was a veritable oasis to Webb's weary eyes. In his few idle moments his recreation was to gaze at this cool little rest house, as he named it, and to speculate as to the immates. Every morning about the time Webb came to work the man of the little house, a young, whistling chap, came ont to take the street car. A winsome young woman with crinkly hair always followed him out on the little porch and kissed him good-bye.

Throughout the morning he could see her filtring about her work in the house and among the flower beds. On pleasant days she brought her luncheon out to a little canopied pergola and spread it out on a table, while he in his office was partaking of the contents of a basket packed at his boarding house with "things convenient."

Sometimes Webb's books didn't balance readily and he had to stay late at night. Then he saw the man jump off the street car, his cheery whistling some way irritating the lonely bookkeeper. She would come out to meet him, her neat little blue working dress exchanged for one of cool dainty fabric. Again the kiss and Webb noted that it was always she who took the initiative in these greetings, and he began to dislike the fellow for the careless, matter-of-fact way in which he accepted the caresses.

"He's a good-for-nothing lout and desn't deserve such a sweet faithful Harry, he wondered no longer at Du pree's liking for Webb, who was th life of the party that afternoon. For the first time in his existence he foun himself looking forward to Monday in pleasurable anticipation. (THE END.)

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